

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

**JOHN RUFFINO and MARTHA  
RUFFINO,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**DR. CLARK ARCHER and HCA  
HEALTH SERVICES OF TENNESSEE,  
INC. d/b/a STONECREST MEDICAL  
CENTER,**

**Defendants.**

**No. 3:17-cv-00725**

**JUDGE CAMPBELL  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
NEWBERN**

**ORDER**

Pending before the Court is Plaintiffs' Motion for Continuance of the Current Trial Date (Doc. No. 110) and the parties' Joint Motion to Modify Pretrial Case Management Order (Doc. No. 113). The Court held a telephonic conference on Monday, December 17, 2018, to discuss Plaintiffs' Motion for Continuance of the Current Trial Date. (Doc. No. 110). The Court **GRANTS** the Plaintiffs' motion to continue trial and resets this case for a jury trial on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. The parties shall be prepared to try their case on this date. Absent extraordinary circumstances, no further continuances will be granted. The Court **GRANTS** in part and **DENIES** in part the parties' Joint Motion to Modify Pretrial Case Management Order. The parties have filed Motions in Limine and any responses shall be filed by December 21, 2018. All other deadlines are continued as follows:

The jury trial will begin on January 7, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom A-826, United States Courthouse, 801 Broadway, Nashville, TN. Counsel for the parties shall appear for a Pretrial Conference in this Court on December 30, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. All lawyers who will participate in the trial must attend the pretrial conference. The cost of summoning the jury may

be assessed against the parties if a settlement is reached after the Thursday immediately preceding trial.

#### Information Exchanged but not Filed

By December 16, 2019, the parties shall exchange copies of exhibits and make available for examination by any opposing party the original of all exhibits. The authenticity of exhibits should be stipulated to if at all possible. By the same date, the parties shall exchange designations of portions of depositions that are to be read into evidence during the trial, in accordance with the procedure set forth in Local Rule of Court 39.01(c)(4). The parties should attempt to agree on additions to the designations necessary to put responses into context.

#### Pretrial Filing Deadlines

Counsel shall file a Joint Proposed Pretrial Order with the Court by December 23, 2019. The Pretrial Order shall contain: (1) a recitation that the pleadings are amended to conform to the Pretrial Order and that the Pretrial Order supplants the pleadings; (2) a statement of the basis for jurisdiction in this Court; (3) a short summary of the Plaintiff's theory (no more than one page); (4) a short summary of the Defendant's theory (no more than one page); (5) a statement of the issues, including a designation of which issues are for the jury and which are for the Court; (6) a succinct statement of the relief sought; (7) a summary of any anticipated evidentiary disputes; and (8) an estimate of the anticipated length of the trial.

The parties shall also file with the Court, by December 23, 2019 the following:

(1) joint proposed jury instructions and verdict forms as follows: Counsel shall exchange proposed jury instructions on the substantive law of this specific case and proposed verdict forms and confer to reach agreement. Thereafter, counsel shall jointly prepare and file a set of agreed, proposed, case specific, jury instructions and verdict forms. Each proposed jury

instruction shall include citations to supporting authorities. Counsel shall separately file any disputed jury instructions or verdict forms. Each counsel shall email a Word version of the jury instructions and proposed verdict forms to chambers at ccampbellchambers@tnmd.uscourts.gov.

(2) witness lists, except for witnesses solely for impeachment in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3);

(3) exhibit lists, except for documents solely for impeachment in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3); and

(4) any stipulations.

#### Motions in Limine and Objections to Experts

By December 16, 2019 the parties shall file any additional motions in limine and any motions objecting to expert testimony. Any responses to such motions shall be filed by December 23, 2019.

#### Discovery

Expert witness disclosures shall be made timely, in accordance with Local Rule 39.01(c)(5)c. Supplemental responses to interrogatories, requests for production and requests for admissions shall be made timely in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(e) and Local Rule 39.01(e). Objections to the use of a deposition at trial shall be made timely in accordance with Local Rule 39.01(c)(4). The Court may exclude evidence, or order other sanctions, for violation of a duty or deadline to make or supplement expert witness disclosures or discovery responses.

#### Pretrial Conference

Counsel shall be prepared, at the Pretrial Conference, to:

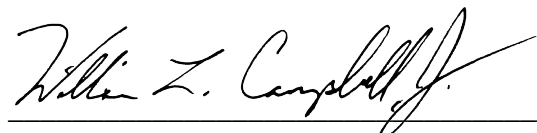
(1) identify and discuss undisputed facts and issues;

- (2) discuss the status of discovery;
- (3) preview proposed testimony;
- (4) discuss expert testimony;
- (5) preview proposed exhibits;
- (6) discuss motions in limine;
- (7) discuss proposed jury instructions and verdict forms;
- (8) discuss settlement; and
- (9) discuss pretrial briefs.

All pretrial requirements and deadlines set forth in the Local Rules of Court remain in effect unless specifically addressed above.

As discussed during the telephonic conference, the parties are required to participate in a judicial settlement conference with Magistrate Judge Joe B. Brown before June 28, 2019. The parties shall contact Judge Brown's chambers to schedule a date for the judicial settlement conference.

It is so **ORDERED**.

  
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WILLIAM L. CAMPBELL, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE